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System and Method for Producing High For:

Purity Colloidal Silica and Potassium Hydroxide

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner:

The Office Action from Patent Examiner Chester Barry mailed on November 9, 2002 has been received and reviewed. No extension of time is believed necessary as the deadline for this response fell on a weekend and subsequently a federal holiday. The following is submitted in response thereto:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A method for producing high purity colloidal silica comprising the 1. (Once Amanded)

steps of:

providing a quantity of potassium silicate;